

ing to the true value of their chattels ; that they always trusted to the general interest of the whole county ; that many of the sub-taxers were dead, and those now surviving were of lesser importance ; and they prayed they might be allowed to make fine with the king, for all transgressions in the said taxation respect being had to their *status*, and the late unproductive years. They all collectively offered 340 marks, and for this they were all conjointly and individually debtors of his Majesty the king. John de Perton appears to have been badly in this scrape, but one cannot help thinking that the right man was selected to represent and defend this apparently forlorn hope, and that the defence was cunningly devised. The taxers for Seisdon were Philip de Lutteley, John de Perton, Robert Buffary, John de Molesley, Richard de Oldington (Patteshull), John Gerrard, William atte Whorwood, William de Perton, William atte Lowe, Richard de Ovyeteshaye (Ivetsey), William de Fynchenfeld (Finchfield), William Baternon, Thomas de Overton, Thomas de Bradeley, John the clerk of Bobbington, and William Cocus of Pelshall. Sir Thomas de Pipe Knight was fined £40, and Philip de Lutteley fifty marks for which John de Ipstaues, John de Bently, Willam de Perton and Robert de Wyndoppe were sureties. At the same time, all the sub-taxers were fined, and amongst them were the following from the neighborhood of Perton :—

- William Richard and William Hawys for Nether Penn fined two shillings.
- Walter Wheelhouse and William le Reve for Perton fined two shillings.
- William Gamel and William le Wright for Oaken fined half a mark.
- Simon Aylwyn and Henry Benigen for Wrottesley fined one mark.
- Roger Stevens and Adam le Bonde were sureties for the above.
- John Richards and William le Bradley for Pendeford fined ten shillings.
- Richard de Beckbury and John atte Nore for Patteshull fined one mark.
- Geoffrey Leveson and William le Neweman for Wolverhampton fined six pounds.
- Thomas Crey and Henry Godwyn for Tettenhall fined two marks.

The Subsidy Roll of 1327 records the Vill of Perton as follows :—

John de Perton	4 0	William atte Nayse	0 12	William de Mareford	0 18
John in the Hale	0 12	Richard Henrys	0 10	William King	2 0
Richard atte Nayse	2 0	Nicholas de Stirchley	2 0	Thomas de Mareford	0 12
William O'th' Green	0 12	Adam atte Yate	0 18	William de Northwood	2 6
Robert O'th' Green	0 20	Nicholas de Netherton	2 2	Walter Wyllys	0 12
John Nicholes	0 12	Elizabeth in the Lane	0 20	William le Tynkere	0 12

Total thirty shillings and ten pence. In 1323 Sir John de Perton had been a colleague with Sir Henry de Bushbury knight at an inquest held before them respecting thirty acres of land *assarted* in the Forest of Morfe, and in 1325 he attested the deed of grant from Sir John Bottetourt, lord of that Manor to the freeholders of Bobbington. On a Bench Roll of Trinity 1324, William de Weston, sued John de Perton, William son of John de Perton, and John de Lappeley for a debt of £26 ; and he sued William de Leversete (the lessee of Stirchley), for a debt of £293-5-10. None of the defendant appeared and the Sheriff was ordered to attach them for the octaves of Martin. At the King's bench 1326, John de Ruycroft appeared against Robert de Essington, John de Huggesford, Adam son of Richard de Ruycroft, and Emma his wife, Thomas de Benham, William de Buckingham, Walter son of William de Perton, and two others, for entering by force his house at Hulton, and breaking open a chest, and taking from it six deeds, and two quit claims with other muniments. None of the defendants appeared, and the Sheriff was ordered to distrain, and produce